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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Rev. Scott Moore, Doctoral Student, Erfurt, Germany, offered the following prayer:

God of the nations, You have chosen many and various ways to show Your presence in the world. You have been a guiding light in dark times and a refuge against the storms of life.

We ask You to send the Spirit of Your holy wisdom and compassion to the Members of the 111th Congress, who gather here for this most important work.

Strengthen them in their work for justice. Lead them in their work for peace. Guide them as they speak and act for all who would call this great land their home. Bless their families, and bless them in their work today.

Grant them the opportunity and the serenity, O Lord, to reflect on all they have achieved so far, and unite them in a common vision inspired by Your love.

We ask this in the Name of the One who calls each of us by name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

IMPROVING THE ECONOMY AND CREATING JOBS

(Ms. SCHWARTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, last week, the Small Business Jobs Act was signed into law, marking the latest effort by the Democratic Congress to partner with small businesses to put the economy back on track.

The Jobs Act makes \$30 billion in lending and \$12 billion in tax breaks available to small businesses to create 500,000 new jobs. The Democratic Congress has already helped small businesses by providing tax credits for hiring unemployed workers, by reducing tariffs on goods used in U.S. manufacturing and by expanding incentives for capital investments.

Nearly 2 years ago, our economy was losing 700,000 jobs per month. Now we are on pace to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs in the private sector.

Yet, instead of joining with us to grow small businesses and the jobs they create, Republicans in Congress opposed loans to small businesses, opposed tax incentives for businesses to hire unemployed workers, opposed tax credits for health benefits, and opposed new incentives for business investments.

Democratic Members stood up to provide American businesses with the right tools to innovate and create jobs. Access to capital, encouraging investment and hiring will ensure that we are continuing to create new jobs today and for tomorrow.

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CONGRATULATING US1 RADIO ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate US1 Radio on celebrating 30 years on the air. For many residents, US1 provides the soundtrack for the Keys. Since 1989, US1 Radio has been the most listened to radio station in the Florida Keys. The station also received the Edward R. Murrow Award for broadcasting during Hurricane George. These hard-earned accolades are due not only to its great programming but also to the station's commitment to the Keys community.

After the BP oil spill, US1 Radio provided information to Monroe residents to keep them updated and aware of the situation. And there is no oil in the Keys, folks. Come on down.

Congratulations to Bill Becker, Ezra Marcus, Kevin LeRoux, Kevin Redding, and all of the staff at US1 Radio for their hard work. Here's to 30 more years of US1 Radio.

JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today we are considering a bill that is overwhelmingly supported by the American people. The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which I offered along with the entire New York delegation, will provide needed health care for more than 36,000 Americans who are sick or injured because of 9/11.

This is a national issue. Those who are suffering come from all 50 States, which this chart shows. The darker

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